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FOR ARA/LA/CAR DIRECTOR BURKE FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, HA, US

SUBJECT: TERRORISTIC MEASURES AIMED AT HAITI--

AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGE FOR FBI DIRECTOR

REF: (A) P-AU-P 1818; (B) P-AU-P 1816

1. UNLESS YOU PERCEIVE OBJECTION, REQUEST DEPT PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME TO FBI DIRECTOR KELLEY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. AS YOUR ARE UNDOUBTEDLY AWARE, IN THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS US-BASED OPPONENTS OF HAITI'S GOVERNMENT HAVE STEPPED UP SUBVERSIVE OPERATIONS IN HAITI. IN MAY BOOBY-TRAPPED PACKAGES WERE DESPATCHED BY AIR FREIGHT FROM MIAMI TO SENIOR PERSONS IN THE GOVT. ONE OF THESE PACKAGES EXPLODED IN THE PAN AMERICAN WAREHOUSE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE ONLY MINUTES AFTER BEING UNLOADED FROM THE AIRCRAFT. TWO WEEKS AGO AN AMERICAN NAMED RALPH HARRINGTON WAS KILLED WHEN AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE HE WAS EXAMINING IN HIS HOTEL ROOM IN PORT-AU-PRINCE BLEW UP. HARRINGTON, EVIDENTLY COMMISSIONED BY PERSONS IN MIAMI, HAD APPARENTLY PLANNED TO SET OFF EXPLOSIONS AT STRATEGIC POINTS IN THE HAITIAN CAPITAL. HARRINGTON'S WOMAN COMPANION, WHO SURVIVED THE EXPLOSION, WAS FOUND TO BE WITHOUT RESPONSIBILITY IN THE AFFAIR AND RETURNED YESTERDAY TO HER PARENTS' RESIDENCE IN OHIO WHERE THE FBI PLANS TO INTERVIEW HER. THE FBI HAS ALREADY INTERROGATED A THIRD US CITIZEN IMPLICATED IN THIS AFFAIR.

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3. THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI, UNDERSTANDABLY, IS CONCERNED OVER THESE CASES OF TERRORISM CONTRIVED ON US TERRITORY AND AIMED AT HAITI. PRESIDENT DUVALIER OF HAITI IS ANXIOUS FOR ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERPETRATORS, ESPECIALLY IF LEADS POINT TO HAITIANS RESIDENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

4. I WOULD BE MOST GRATEFUL FOR YOUR ASSISTANCE IN ENSURING THAT THE INVESTIGATIONS NOW BEING CARRIED ON ARE PURSUED VIGOROUSLY AND THAT SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE DEVELOPED BE MADE PROMPTLY AVAILABLE SO THAT I MAY PASS IT ON TO THE GOVERNMENT OF HAITI. END TEXT.
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